Cancellation of land allotted to schools

3022. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has cancelled the land lease of four schools for not providing free education to the children of weaker section of the society and directed schools to vacate and handover the possession of land back to DDA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the DDA has taken over the possession and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether large number of schools in Delhi are not providing free education to poor children; and

(d) if so, reasons for not initiating similar action against such schools also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that lease deed of Bal Bharti Public School, Pinnacle School, Gyan Mandir School and Rukmani Devi Public School were cancelled as they were only providing free education ranging from 0-1% to the weaker sections of society. Physical possession of Land could not be taken over from these schools due to stay orders granted by the Hon'ble High Court.

(c) The Government of NCT of Delhi had reported to DDA the schools not complying with the condition of providing freeship to weaker sections of society.

(d) DDA has further reported that it was considered that it would not be prudent to cancel lease deed of large number of schools as it would affect large number of students. Further, Hon'ble High Court in a Public Interest Litigation case titled Social Jurist Vs Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has directed Delhi Government to evolve a consensus among schools for implementation of the freeship.

Printing Presses

†3023 SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether there are printing presses at various places throughout the country under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of all such printing presses as on date;

(c) whether his Ministry is of the view to get rid of those printing presses; and

(d) if so, whether there is anything wrong in handing them over to some other Ministry instead of entrusting to private parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are 16 Govt. of India Presses/Text Book Presses running under the administrative control of Directorate of Printing, Ministry of Urban Development throughout the country. These are:—

1. Govt. of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi
2. Govt. of India Press, Ring Road, New Delhi
3. Govt. of India Press, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
4. Govt. of India Press, Faridabad
5. Govt. of India Press, Nilokheri
6. Govt. of India Press, Aligarh
7. Govt. of India Press, Nashik
8. Govt. of India Press, Coimbatore
9. Govt. of India Press, Korratty
10. Govt. of India Press, Santragachi, Howrah
11. Govt. of India Press, Temple Street, Kolkata
12. Govt. of India Press, Shimla
13. Govt. of India Press, Gangtok
14. Govt. of India Text Book Press, Chandigarh
15. Govt. of India Text Book Press, Bhubaneshwar
16. Govt. of India Text Book Press, Mysore

(c) No, Sir. However, Government has decided to privatize the three Govt. of India Text Book Presses at Bhubaneshwar, Mysore and Chandigarh

with the condition that the employees will continue to be in service till completion of their balance service period. These Presses were set up for printing text books of the States under the region. As the State Governments were not able to provide adequate jobs, it was decided to transfer these Presses to the respective State Governments. Upon refusal by the State Governments to accept transfer, decision has been taken to privatize these units.

(d) At present, there is no proposal to hand over these Presses to some other Ministry.

Criteria for Implementing Urban Development Schemes

3024. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the criteria applied to assess whether an area is urban or rural for implementing schemes under Urban Development;

(b) when the criteria was last revised with the details of revision; and

(c) the scales/methods applied to assess Urban poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Criteria to assess an area as rural or urban is based on census definition for towns/cities. As per 1991 Census, all villages would be classified as urban, which had a population of 4,000 and above, a population density of 400 persons per sq. Km. and having at least 75 per cent of male working population engaged in non-agricultural activity. These criteria have been revised in 2001 Census, which are as follows:

(i) All places with a municipality, corporation, cantonment board or notified town area committee, etc.

(ii) A place satisfying the following three criteria simultaneously:

a) A minimum population of 5,000;

b) At least 75 per cent of male working population engaged in non-agricultural pursuits; and

c) A density of population of at least 400 per sp. Km. (1000 per sq. mile)

(c) The definition of urban poverty as adopted by the Planning Commission is enclosed as Statement.